



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 109<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 152

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006

No. 82

## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "O Lord, have pity on us, for You we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble."

Lord, it takes a great deal of humility for believing people to accede to Your will. Sometimes faith builds such strong convictions in us, Lord, that we can easily have only our own ideas as to how and when You will answer our prayers. Often we do not remain open to other responses or we become impatient with Your unsearchable ways.

Very often, Lord, we profess strong faith in Your providential ways, but it is Your art of timing we find difficult to accept. So confirm us, as a nation of idealists, who will continue to have confidence even during the test of timing.

Have pity on us, Lord, as we wait for You to answer our prayers now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minutes on each side.

### NEVER SURRENDER

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, last week we debated the very important issue of how we are going to confront the global war on terror: Are we going to confront this challenge, or are we going to retreat and defeat? Republicans are dedicated to confronting this challenge and will continue to offer the American strong national security policies that will protect this Nation against another attack on their own soil. We will continue to trumpet successes such as the elimination of al Zarqawi and the Iraqi Government naming new interior defense and security ministers.

Democrats, though, are too eager to grasp upon the challenges we face as their rationale to defeat. Even the death of the terrorist al Zarqawi only brought cries of retreat and claims that it was only "a stunt." And just last week, 149 Democrats voted against a resolution declaring that the United States will prevail in the war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, President Kennedy once said, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it, and one path we shall never choose and that is the path of surrender or submission."

When it comes to the global war on terror, we must never choose the path of surrender.

### WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS CONGRESS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the last 24 hours will tell you everything you need to know about what is wrong with this Congress: hold up voting rights, knock down the minimum wage increase, relieve the superrich of respon-

sibility for paying estate taxes, keep sending our children to fight and die in a war based on lies. That, by the way, is the real death tax, and it is paid by the poor and the middle class. Our new motto should be: United We Stand, Sure, But Divided We Profit.

H.R. 5638, the estate tax legislation, should be more accurately described as the American Idle Act, I-D-L-E, because it relieves the children of billionaires and multi-multi-millionaires of over one-quarter of a trillion dollars in estate taxes in just 5 years starting in 2013. The \$2,600 per taxpayer loss of revenue will take money from our schools and from our health care and from senior citizens programs.

The Bible says it is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get to heaven. Here in Washington, the superrich ride elephants, and some donkeys, to get to their alabaster heaven where they pay no taxes.

### EXCESSIVE REGULATIONS ON SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, we have passed important legislation in this Congress to help America's small businesses; we have passed legislation to help make health insurance more affordable and accessible, and legislation to provide tax relief. But we need to continue demonstrating our commitment to helping small businesses in New York and throughout the country by passing legislation that I have introduced to help relieve the excessive regulatory burden on small businesses.

The Cut Unnecessary Regulatory Burden For Small Business Act, passed by the House Government Reform Committee earlier this month, would

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H4425